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NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

IN RE APPLICANT OF: CATE, ET AL.
SERIAL NO. : 10/694,335
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TITLE : METHOD AND MEANS FOR FILLING NATURAL
SAUSAGES
Group/A.U. : 3643
Examiner : David J. PARSLEY
Docket No. : P03958US0
Conf No. : 3859

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated April 28, 2005 rejecting claims 7-9.

Applicant is a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27. A statement of small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 has already been filed in this application.

The items checked below are appropriate:

- ☒ [X] A check in the amount of \$250 is enclosed.
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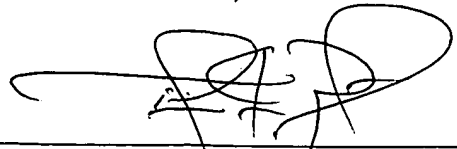
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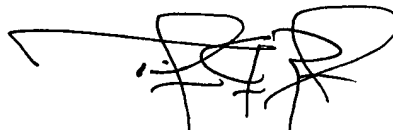
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charge any deficiencies which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2098.

[] A Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is enclosed.

Two additional copies of the notice are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TJZ', with a stylized flourish extending to the left.

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